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Docket No. 2009-489-E

Dear Sirs,

Let me make sure I understand all the facts.

According to the Saturday, January 16 article in the Beaufort Gazette and from The AARP of South Carolina on SCE&G raising rates :

SCE&G is the **only** electric company I can buy from where I live on Lady's Island, SC. A monopoly perhaps?

SCE&G already charges the **highest rates in the state** among both the publicly owned as well as the investor owned providers.

SCE&G has already raised rates \$1.90 a month and will continue to raise rates increasing the average monthly electric bill for everyone by an additional \$140 by 2011.

SCE&G is already receiving an average annual 3 percent rate increase to pay for the new nuclear reactors in Jenkinsville, SC.

SCE&G tells me to add insulation to my attic. Seal my house to prevent heat and AC loss. Use energy efficient fluorescent lighting (which is hazardous to health if not handled properly). Purchase energy saving appliances and not use them during "Peak" usage hours to save electricity.

Now they want to raise the rates because they aren't making enough money to recover their investments?

Can somebody please tell me what's wrong with this picture?

Is there another provider out there I can purchase power from or does SCE&G just get to charge whatever they want?

If the Public Service Commission of South Carolina is suppose to be looking out for the best interests of the public, Why isn't the kilowatt hour rate for electricity the same for everyone in the state?

I'm on a fixed income. I didn't get a cost of living increase.

Tell SCE&G to suck it up and give the rest of us a break!

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